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SUBJECT: CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS MALTA

1. IGY SUMMARY. THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER  
PAID A TWO-DAY VISIT TO MALTA AT THE END OF A  
EUROPEAN TOUR.

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6. (C) COMMENT. QIAN'S VISIT TO MALTA WAS AN  
UNDERSTANDABLE ADD-ON TO A EUROPEAN VISIT, EVEN IF

THERE WAS LITTLE IN THE WAY OF TANGIBLE RESULTS.  
CHINA MAINTAINS A SIZEABLE MISSION IN MALTA, SEEMINGLY  
SOMETHING OF A LEFTOVER FROM THE COLD WAR. THE  
CHINESE HAVE A SMALL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
ENGAGED IN BUILDING A BREAKWATER -- AGAIN, A SMALL  
RESIDUAL FROM PREVIOUS LARGE ASSISTANCE PROJECTS.  
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END SUMMARY.

2. QD CHINA'S FOREIGN MINISTER, QIAN QICHEN,  
VISITED MALTA FROM MARCH 8 TO 10 AT THE END OF A  
SEVEN-NATION EUROPEAN TOUR. DURING HIS STAY,  
QIAN CALLED ON MALTA'S PRESIDENT, CENSU TIECHE,  
PRIME MINISTER EDDIE FENECH ADAMI, AND THE FOREIGN  
MINISTER AND CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE UNGA, GUIDO  
DE MARCO. QIEN INVITED EACH OF THEM TO VISIT CHINA.  
DE MARCO HAD INVITED QIAN TO VISIT MALTA WHEN THEY  
MET AT THE UNGA IN NEW YORK.

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